

# SPELL

## Support for Play & Early Learning in Lanarkshire

Our Play Tutors are very busy at this time of year delivering activities at our groups. We have very limited space available before Christmas so if you would like to book an activity please contact Wendy as soon as possible on 01698 768944 to avoid disappointment.

If you would like anything included in our December newsletter please contact us at [spell.org@btopenworld.com](mailto:spell.org@btopenworld.com) or speak to your Support Worker by 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

### Group News

#### Pebblepatch Parent & Toddler Group Open Day with Bookbug

Pebblepatch Parent and Toddlers are hosting an open day with Bookbug on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 from 1pm until 2.30pm. The event is free to attend, all 0-5s welcome. Pebblepatch meet at Lanark YMCA, 29 Bloomgate, Lanark ML11 9ET. For more information contact Julie on 0797 932 3319.

**If you have any group news such as change of days and times, open days or group fundraising events that you would like us to include in our newsletter please email [spell.org@btopenworld.com](mailto:spell.org@btopenworld.com)**

### In-service Days - November

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019 are in-service days. Please remember to check whether your group will be open on these days.

### Outdoor Groups

SPELL have been running blocks of our outdoor toddler group Little Hedgehogs since 2017. They continue to be very successful and book up fast. Unfortunately our funding only allows us to run a certain amount of sessions a year however SPELL will support anyone looking to set up a pre-5 voluntary group which also includes outdoor groups. If you think you might be interested in running an outdoor group (it can be a weekly group or even a monthly group) please initially email Vicky at [spell.org@btopenworld.com](mailto:spell.org@btopenworld.com) and we can arrange to come and meet you to discuss this.



### Space to Grow - Frequently Asked Questions (Playgroups and Nurseries)

The Care Inspectorate have recently published a document of frequently asked questions in reference to the Space to Grow guidance. This can be accessed on The Care Inspectorate Hub page or by clicking [here](#)





## #SafeTea

30 babies or toddlers in the UK go to hospital every day in with a hot drink burn. 1 in 4 of these children have not received the correct first aid when they arrive at hospital.

SafeTea is an online multimedia intervention to help parents prevent hot drink burns in small children and improve burn first aid.

SafeTea key messages are:

- Keep hot drinks away from young children
- Don't pass hot drinks over children
- Never hold a baby and a hot drink at the same time
- Make a SafeTea zone: a safe place for hot drinks at home and at your baby and toddler group, keeping hot drinks out of reach of small children
- First aid for burns is: COOL, CALL, COVER

SafeTea has free resources for parents / carers and baby & toddler groups. You can order these on their website [www.safetea.org.uk](http://www.safetea.org.uk) and you can follow them on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and Twitter.

Your Support Worker will also have leaflets for groups to display.

## Fundraising

This is usually a good time of year for baby and toddler groups and playgroups to fundraise. If you are holding a Christmas fayre you could sell some crafts made by the children for people to buy and give as gifts.

You could also make up reindeer food to sell - remember not to use glitter which could harm the wildlife when you scatter it in your garden, and check ingredients for allergens.

## Training

We have a couple of spaces on the following courses. To book your FREE space please email Wendy at [spell.org@btopenworld.com](mailto:spell.org@btopenworld.com) or call her on 01698 768944. Courses are free and open to all parents; and childcare staff and volunteers who work within toddler groups and playgroups in South Lanarkshire.

Emergency First Aid Training for Parents & Carers - Hamilton.

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2019, 10am - 1pm.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development - East Kilbride. Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019, 9.30am - 12.30pm.

## Group Insurance

Morton Michel took over Albany Childcare Insurance on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019. If any groups had taken out insurance with Albany Childcare your insurance will not be affected. When your insurance is due for renewal, Morton Michel will offer you the same insurance underwritten by Ansvar for a similar rate you paid Albany however, Morton Michel do add a £10 admin fee.

SPELL strongly recommend that your group takes out insurance.

If you need any help with your insurance please speak to your Support Worker or call Vicky on 01698 768933.

## Infection and Exclusion Periods

Health Protection Scotland produce a document which lists the exclusion and incubation periods for when someone is ill. Please click the link below for guidance which can be downloaded and laminated for display in relevant areas.

[Incubation and Exclusion Periods](#)